

## Maine Revised Statutes

### Title 12: CONSERVATION

#### Chapter 915: HUNTING: SEASONS, REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS HEADING: PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. D, §7 (aff); c. 614, §9 (aff)

##### §12158. IMPORTATION PERMIT FOR PHEASANTS

**1. Permit required.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not import pheasants, alive, dead or dressed, unless that person has a valid permit issued under this section. Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed.

[ 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

**2. Issuance.** The commissioner may issue a written permit to any person permitting that person to import pheasants, alive, dead or dressed.

[ 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

**3. Application.** Importers shall, when requesting a permit, provide the commissioner with the following:

A. Information as to the number of pheasants to be imported; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

B. The name and address of the seller; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

C. Information whether or not the birds are live or dressed; and [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

D. A statement from an approved veterinarian, from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or from the conservation department of the state from which the pheasants are imported certifying that they are from flocks that have been tested for pullorum and typhoid, show no evidence of tuberculosis or other infectious or contagious disease and have not been exposed to such disease during the 6 months prior to importation. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5 (REV).]

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**4. Requirements; leg band required.** The following are leg band requirements for ringneck pheasants.

A. Upon receipt of shipment, importers of ringneck pheasants shall attach securely to each bird a permanent leg band. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §206 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person may not remove a leg band attached to a bird under this subsection until the bird is finally prepared for consumption. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §206 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §206 (RPR) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B206 (AMD). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5 (REV).

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